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Watchful residents and good police work has led to two more criminals caught in the act of burglarizing a home. This brings the number to four (4) burglars who have been jailed in the past two days by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, bringing resolution to a numbers of recent break-ins, and helping to insure a safer Christmas in our community.

On December 14, 2011, at 1219 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 936 Pontiac Ave. in Painesville Township for a report of a burglary in progress. A neighbor near this residence reported seeing two suspicious white males loitering in the area and said they appeared to be casing homes. The reporting party then observed one of the male suspects force entry through a window of the residence at 936 Pontiac, crawl inside, and then open up a man-door for his accomplice. Both males entered the residence. Lt. Carl Dondorfer and Deputy John Kelley responded to the call. As they entered the residence through the unsecured door, they heard movement within the residence. They located two white male suspects hiding in the closet of the master bedroom. One of the burglars was still holding a *Nintendo Wii* gaming system which he intended to steal.

The suspects were identified as a 15 year old white male juvenile from Painesville Twp. Park, and an 18 year old white male named Gabriel Bloomfield. Bloomfield is homeless, but staying in the area of this neighborhood in Painesville Township Park. Subsequent investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office revealed that both of these suspects were involved in an earlier burglary at a residence located at 960 Bellevue on the same day, during which time both suspects forced entry into the residence and stole jewelry, as well as other personal property from within the home. Both suspects further admitted to shooting out the windows of a vehicle with a pellet gun at a residence located on Sycamore Dr., and also shooting out the windows of a residence located at 131 Sycamore. After lengthy interviews with both suspects, they also admitted to two (2) other reported burglaries in Painesville Twp. Park, one of which was reported to the Sheriff's office on December 3rd, and the other reported on December 9th.

Evidence gathered from both suspects will be processed and compared to evidence secured at additional burglaries reported in this neighborhood to determine if either suspect was involved in any other criminal activity in this

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neighborhood. This investigation is ongoing and additional criminal charges may be filed against both suspects.

The 15 year old juvenile suspect was booked in at the Lake County Juvenile Detention Facility and charged with multiple counts of Burglary. Bloomfield, the adult male suspect, was booked in at the Lake County Adult Detention Facility, and was charged with multiple counts of Burglary.

Once again these arrests were the result of excellent police work, combined with responsible citizens who were willing to step forward, as a result of the reverse 9-1-1 requests for information, with valuable tips that led to the apprehension of these burglars. The Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public for their assistance in calling in their tips.

However, we also want to caution residents to still be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles in their area. When burglars were caught on Monday, December 12th on Middleridge Rd., residents were cautioned to be alert since the Sheriff's Office believed that these were not the only persons burglarizing the area. That alertness led to the arrests made yesterday. While we believe that these particular burglars are responsible for some of the burglaries in our area, we believe that other persons(s) or groups who are not connected with these recent arrests are also burglarizing area homes.

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